

Department of Veterans Affairs

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for other residents, or if the resident chooses to pay more for the care provided at a facility which exceeds VA standards.

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§ 17.64 Exceptions to standards in community residential care facilities.

(a) Facilities which have participated in VA's community residential care program prior to (the effective date of these regulations) may continue to be approved when the standard for § 17.63(c)(3) and/or § 17.63(e)(2) of this part are not met if:

(1) All standards other than § 17.63(c)(3) and/or § 17.63(e)(2) of this part are met;

(2) There is at least one functional toilet, lavatory, and bathing or shower facility for every eight people living in the facility, including provider and staff;

(3) The resident's bedrooms measure, exclusive of closet space, at least 80 square feet for a single-resident room, or 65 square feet for each resident in a multiresident room.

(b) Community residential care facilities which do not meet the requirements for continued approval because they do not comply with paragraphs (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section may apply in writing to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for an exception. The application must include a detailed description of the facility, including a description of the toilet, lavatory and bathing and shower facilities and/or resident's bedroom size, and an analysis of alternative solutions.

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§ 17.65 Duration of approval.

(a) Approval may be valid for up to 24 months if VA finds that the facility complies with all standards during the current and all previous VA inspections and any necessary interim monitoring for a period of two years.

(b) Approval may be valid for up to 15 months if VA finds the facility has complied with all standards except the records standard set forth in § 17.51j(i) of this part during the current and all previous VA inspections and any necessary interim monitoring.

(c) Approval may be valid for up to 12 months if the VA finds that the facility has complied with all standards except the laundry service standard set forth in § 17.63(d) and the records standard set forth in § 17.63(i) of this part during the current and all previous VA inspections and any necessary interim monitoring.

(d) Approval may be valid for up to 9 months if the VA finds that the facility has complied with all standards except the laundry service standard set forth in § 17.63(d) of this part; the bedroom standard set forth in § 17.63(e) of this part; the activities standard set forth in § 17.63(g) of this part; and the records standard set forth in § 17.63(i) of this part during the current and all previous VA inspections and any necessary interim monitoring.

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§ 17.66 Notice of noncompliance with VA standards.

If the hearing official determines that an approved community residential care facility does not comply with the standards set forth in § 17.63 of this part, the hearing official shall notify the community residential care facility in writing of:

(a) The standards which have not been met;

(b) The date by which the standards must be met in order to avoid revocation of VA approval;

(c) The community residential care facility's opportunity to request an oral or paper hearing under § 17.51n of this part before VA approval is revoked; and

(d) The date by which the hearing official must receive the community residential care facility's request for a hearing, which shall not be less than 10 calendar days and not more than 20